

ORDER SHEET

IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT, LAHORE

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Case No. W.P No.227807/2018

Haroon Farooq Vs Government of the Punjab etc.

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04.10.02019 Presence as earlier.

The learned A.A.G has placed on record the minutes of the meeting held on 27.09.2019 on the direction of this Court by Chief Secretary Punjab. Certain decision taken in the meeting have also been mentioned in the minutes produced before this Court. The significant aspect of the meeting was to direct the Lahore Model of conservation of water to be implemented throughout Punjab as well as direction issued for a campaign to be lodged in liaison with PEMRA regarding water conservation measures being taken by the Punjab as well as the Commission. Also the Environmental Protection Department has been instructed to carry on with the stern action regarding factories injecting toxic/polluted effluent into the aquifer through boreholes. It has been noticed that although certain decision have been taken in the meeting but the importance of these decisions lies in following them up with substantial and concrete measures. It is directed that the meeting shall be held every month and substantial progress needs to be seen to be done and

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it is expected that in the next meeting some tangible measures will be taken for adopting Lahore Model throughout Punjab.

2. However, from the contents of the minutes of the meeting produced by the learned A.A.G it seems that the matter relating to smog and crops burning did not come up for discussion. Perhaps another meeting took place in which certain actions were taken and the learned A.A.G shall place on record the minutes of that meeting as well. Be that as it may, the Secretary EPD shall file a report before the next date of hearing regarding comprehensive measures which the department has taken for the effective control of the smog during the winter season.

3. Learned A.A.G has also informed the Court that the Chief Secretary Punjab has directed that none of the officers associating with the Water Commission shall be transferred during the period that this important assignment is being carried out.

4. The Commission has also placed on record its report indicating the progress made with regard to the construction of water tanks as well as the installation of recycling plants at the petrol pumps. The importance lies in the continuance of these efforts on a sustainable level so that the measures

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which are proposed to be taken are in fact implemented by all to whom they are directed.

5. To come up for further proceedings on 11.10.2019.


(SHAHID KARIM)
JUDGE

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Rafaqat Ali

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